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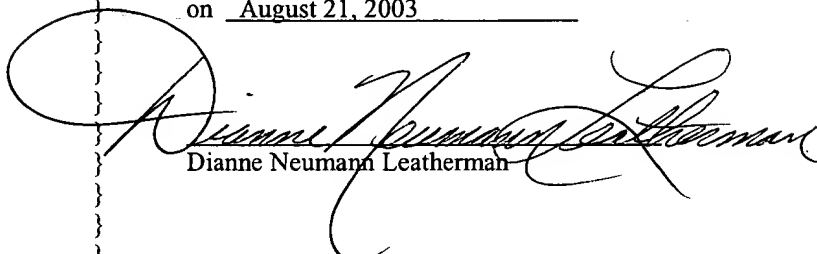
**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Customer No.: 23641
Application No.: 09/406,290
Confirmation No.: 1448
Filing Date: September 24, 1999
Attorney Docket No.: 37168/82045
First Named Inventor: Jeffrey K. Dellinger, et al.
Group Art Unit: 3627
Examiner Name: Christopher R. Buchanan
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision in the Final Office Action mailed February 28, 2003, rejecting Claims 1-43. An Appeal Brief will be filed within two months of the filing date of this notice.

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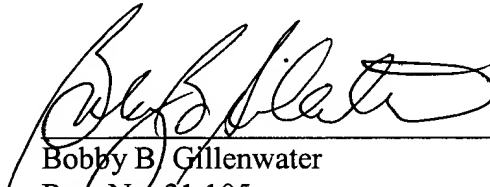
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Attached herewith is the appropriate filing fee in the amount of \$320.00, as specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(b).

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made.

Please credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees to the Deposit Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Account Number 02-1010 (37168/82045).

Respectfully submitted,



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